

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~cultured cell~~ mass of cultured plant cells or tissue of *Ficus stipulata* Thunb. having high differentiating ~~power~~ potential, said cultured ~~cell~~ cells or tissue being obtained by culturing a part of a tissue of ~~the a~~ *Ficus stipulata* Thunb. in a culture medium containing ~~at least one kind of~~ 0.1 to 10 μ M thidiazuron and 8.9 to 44.4 nM benzyladenine in an amount effective to induce callus formation of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb wherein the tissue of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb. is at least one kind of tissue selected from the group consisting of a shoot apex, a stem, a stem node, an embryonic cell and a root.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The cultured ~~cell~~ cells or tissue set forth in claim 1, wherein the tissue of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb. is a tissue originated from a plant body ~~that takes roots through a cutting of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb. being implanted therein from~~ rooted cuttings after being aseptically implanted.
4. (Currently Amended) The cultured ~~cell~~ cells or tissue set forth in claim 3, wherein the tissue of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb. is a tissue ~~less than 6 weeks after implanting the cutting from the rooted cuttings of less than 6 weeks.~~
5. (Currently Amended) The cultured ~~cell~~ cells or tissue set forth in claim 1 wherein the culture medium is a WP culture medium or an MS culture medium.
6. (Currently Amended) A method for culturing a tissue of a *Ficus stipulata* Thunb., comprising the steps of subculturing the cultured ~~cell~~ cells or tissue set forth in claim 1 in a culture medium containing ~~at least one kind of~~ 0.1 to 10 μ M thidiazuron and 8.9 to 44.4 nM benzyladenine in an amount effective to induce callus formation of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb., and thereby obtaining a plantlet of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb.

7. (Original) The method set forth in claim 6, wherein the culture medium is a WP culture medium or an MS culture medium.

8. (Currently Amended) The cultured ~~cell~~cells or tissue set forth in claim 2, wherein the tissue of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb. is a tissue originated from a plant body ~~that takes roots through a cutting of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb. being implanted therein~~ from rooted cuttings after being aseptically implanted.

9. (Currently Amended) The cultured ~~cell~~cells or tissue set forth in claim 2 wherein the culture medium is a WP culture medium or an MS culture medium.

10. (Currently Amended) The cultured ~~cell~~cells or tissue set forth in claim 3 wherein the culture medium is a WP culture medium or an MS culture medium.

11. (Currently Amended) The cultured ~~cell~~cells or tissue set forth in claim 4 wherein the culture medium is a WP culture medium or an MS culture medium.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for culturing a tissue of a *Ficus stipulata* Thunb., comprising the steps of subculturing the cultured cell set forth in claim 2 in a culture medium containing ~~at least one kind of~~ 0.1 to 10 μ M thidiazuron and 8.9 to 44.4 nM benzyladenine ~~in an amount effective to induce callus formation of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb.,~~ and thereby obtaining a plantlet of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for culturing a tissue of a *Ficus stipulata* Thunb., comprising the steps of subculturing the cultured cell set forth in claim 3 in a culture medium containing ~~at least one kind of~~ 0.1 to 10 μ M thidiazuron and 8.9 to 44.4 nM benzyladenine ~~in an amount effective to induce callus formation of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb.,~~ and thereby obtaining a plantlet of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for culturing a tissue of a *Ficus stipulata* Thunb., comprising the steps of subculturing the cultured cell set forth in claim 4 in a culture medium containing ~~at least one kind of~~ 0.1 to 10 μ M thidiazuron and 8.9 to 44.4 nM

~~benzyladenine in an amount effective to induce callus formation of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb.,~~ and thereby obtaining a plantlet of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for culturing a tissue of a *Ficus stipulata* Thunb., comprising the steps of subculturing the cultured cell set forth in claim 5 in a culture medium containing ~~at least one kind of~~ 0.1 to 10 μ M thidiazuron and 8.9 to 44.4 nM ~~benzyladenine in an amount effective to induce callus formation of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb.,~~ and thereby obtaining a plantlet of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb.